

Theatres

Albert Road

	Kings Theatre	
1903	[14633] Planning application by F Matcham for Grand Theatre	95
1906	Started	5(13), 89,111, 120
	Architect Frank Matcham, builder F.Corke	111,120
30 Sep 1907	Opened by Mr H.B.Irving	111, 120, Plaque
1908	Changed from melodrama to variety	111
1908	canopy in Exmouth Road	95
1909	[17570] Application for waiting room	95
1910-1919	Cinematograph licence issued, sat 2750	95
1919	[20310] New cinema room for Portsmouth Theatres Ltd	95
1920s	Redecorated	120
1920s	Films in afternoons, variety in evenings	120
1922-1925	Cinematograph licence issued, sat 2172	95
1931	Operating box made in balcony	120
1932	Reverted to being theatre	120
1964	Bought by Commander Cooper	9
1987	On death of Reggie Cooper, Joan Cooper formed a partnership with Ivor Barnes	9
1990	bought by Hampshire County Council	9
Oct 1995	Reopened after £250,000 refurbishment, new seats, carpets, renovated foyer ceiling	9
23 Jul 1996	Closed for final touches to above including re-painting	9
15Sep 1996	Re-opened	9
	Closed, only used for odd performance	
Jul 2001	Sold to Portsmouth City Council for £1, to be operated by David Rixon	
Sep 2001	Re-opened following further refurbishment, including entrance plasterwork, staircase, bars, dressing rooms, lighting, scenery ropes, fire doors by CPK Construction, Portsmouth University, Akter and volunteers	9
Jan 2003	Foyer ceiling paintings and plasterwork to be removed to enable structural work to be carried out, estimated cost £50,000	9
Apr 2003	Operating company in liquidation	9
2006	Lady statue returned from scrap yard, unveiled by Lord Mayor	9
2007	Wallpaper removed to reveal original tiling	9
Jun - Sep 2007	Interior to be scaffolded, for renovation of plasterwork and painting	9
Oct 2008	Wooden cupola removed	9
Feb 2009	New fibre glass cupola fitted with replica statue, now named Aurora	9
Mar 2009	New lions to be mounted on tower	9
2009	Four boxes redecorated and doors restored	
Mar 2012	Irving room reopened by Ali Bastian	9
Sep 2014	Hugh Dennis to become patron, joining Dillie Keane and Lisa Riley	9
Apr 2016	Major refurbishment planned, seats (one row less in stalls), bars, toilets, technical facilities, lift access at cost of £13m	9

Clarendon Road

1896	[10630] Planning application by C.J Bacon & W.H Heaven for theatre	95
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Commercial Road

	Theatre Royal	
1800	Landport Racquet Hall	?
1854	Bought by Henry Rutley becoming Landport Hall Theatre	?
29 Sep 1856	Reopened as New Theatre Royal with two plays "A New Way to Pay Old Debts" and "Founded on Facts"	120

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	1868	Altered	?
	1868	New facade and conservatory projecting over pavement	181
	1872	Altered, canopy added	120
	1874	Henry Rutley died	120
	1882	Mr Boughton took over	120
19 May	1884	Closed for demolition	111
	1884	Substantially rebuilt, stage 56 feet wide 36 feet deep, to designs of C.J.Phipps. New walls built around old	?
4 Aug	1884	Reopened with Gilbert & Sullivans "Princess Ida"	111,120
	1899	[12796] Planning application for external balcony	95
May	1900	Closed for major alterations, stage further back and increased to 65 feet deep, auditorium enlarged by the addition of extra boxes. Cast iron canopy/balcony extended. Architect Frank Matcham, builder J.Cooke of Southsea, plasterwork by De Jong, marbling by Whitehead	120
		Builder J.H.Corke	181
6 Aug	1900	Reopened with play "Magda"	120
	1916	[20216] Extension of Green Room for Directors of Theatre Royal	95
	1919	[20425] Alterations to Pit Urinal by F.H Gordon for Portsmouth Theatres Ltd	95
Mar	1932	Opened as cinema with "Common Law" using back projection	?
	?	Lessee John Waters Boughton buried at Wymering	116
Sep	1948	Reverted to theatre	120
	1956	Closed	120
	1957	Reopened as Rep Theatre	120
	1959	Rep transferred to Kings	120
1960-1966		Wrestling	120
	1963	Plans to demolish and build hotel	9
Jan	1966	Pantomime transferred from Kings	120
	1968	Pantomime transferred from Kings for extended run	?
		Closed	?
29 Oct	1972	Stage and backstage burnt out by vandals using fireworks	
31 Oct	1972	Stage and backstage burnt out by vandals	9
	1973	Plasterwork largely smashed by vandals	
	1980	Theatre Royal Trust bought building	9
		Auditorium restored	
	2004	Planned to close for fitting of new stage, refurbishment of frontage and installation of new heating system	9
	2004	Gallery bar moved to stalls as part of £200,000 bar refurbishment of interior	9
	2004	£470,000 refurbishment of exterior	9
	2011	£4m grant to revamp backstage, £20m project with Portsmouth University	9
	2013	Temporary stage to be removed as start of rebuild of the rear	9
Elm Grove			
	1901	[13477] Planning application for theatre by W Pratt	95
High Street			
	1761	Built	120
	1836	Closed	9
Feb	1838	Re-opened after refurbishment, manager William Shalders	9
	1838	Johann Strauss, snr, concert	181
	1854	Demolished	181
	1856	Demolished	120
Kent Road, Portland Hall			
	1861	Portland Hall, Built	89
	1877	Reconstructed	89
1886-1918		Portland Concert Hall & Theatre	1,165,166

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Demolished

Lake Road See Circus

Marylebone Street

Mar 1843	Grecian Saloon opened, director T.E.Ball, cost £1,150 sat 700	5(13), 120
Oct 1843	Renamed Landport Theatre, Samuel Hogg	5(13), 120
Jun 1850	Closed due to bankruptcy of Mr Hogg	5(13), 120
Aug 1850	For sale	5(13)
Nov 1850	For sale by auction following bankruptcy of S & H.J.Hogg	9